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Dear Parent/ Carers,

Thank you so much for your support over the Autumn Term. It has certainly been a busy term with visits to Robinwood, the Gudwara, Eden Camp, Hamsterley Forest and Harehope Quarry. We have also had coffee mornings, Dinosaur Maths week and lots of Christmas activities.

Your support is as always very much appreciated. A huge thank you to the Friends of Frosterley School, who with your support raised: £180.00 at Wolsingham Christmas Market, £600.00 at our School Christmas Fair and £60.00 at the Village Hall Christmas Fair. A lot of effort goes into organising these events as well as the time taken manning stalls, this does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. This money helps with Christmas parties, the Pantomime and lots of other extras that ensure our children have a lovely time at our school.

I hope you have enjoyed all our Christmas activities, the fairs, the plays and the Carol Service. The WW1 commemoration with the village had to be cancelled due to the weather as Wearhead were joining us. This will be rearranged for the New Year. I know the children have enjoyed themselves and their parties are still to come. A huge thank you to Santa who I am sure will attend as our children have been so good this year.

The school has been successful in renewing its Investors in Children Award. I am really proud of our children and the comments they made about our school to Eleanor Seed who came out to interview them. I am sure these comments will impress you: **“Our teachers are generous, nice and don’t ignore us. Our playground is really good.”**

Words and phrases used to describe our school: **“Fun!”**, **“Educational!”**, **“We learn a lot!”**, **“I am happy at my school!”**, **“Exciting!”**, **“School is fun and where we want to go.”**, **“It’s good for your education”**, **“They include all of our ideas...and they get all the children’s ideas. They listen to us and they make changes by listening to our ideas.”**

“We got to choose lots of equipment for our playground. Someone suggested basketball hoops so we got them!”

“We changed break-times so that we don’t always have football every break. We now only have football in last break as not everyone in the school likes it.”

“We have play leaders at our school that look after our play equipment and play games with the children.”

“They play with you and talk to you if you are sad or help you if you get hurt.”

I am sure you now feel as proud of our children as I am. Their mature responses and attitudes are a credit to you as parents and us as teachers.

At the end of this term we will be saying a sad goodbye to two members of staff. Miss Pearson will be leaving us to take up a post closer to home and Mrs Fawcett-Smith will be leaving as Miss Hemmingway is returning after her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you both for their care and support they have given to our children during their time here and wish them both good luck for their future.

We welcome back Miss Hemmingway who re-joined the staff in December and will be teaching three days a week in Team 2. Mrs Calvert will be joining her, three days a week teaching Team 2 also. Mrs Calvert is an experienced teacher who specialises in PE and ICT and I am really excited about the knowledge she can bring to our school.

In January, we also welcome Mrs Telfer a teacher who will take up post in EYFS, she is experienced teaching Nursery, Reception and Year 1 so will be an asset to our school.

I know you will go out of your way to help both teachers settle in, as you always do.

Can I remind you, we have a Baby and Toddle group on a Thursday morning from 9:30- 11:15, cost £1.50 for the first child and £1:00 per child after that. We have an experienced volunteer from Sure Start who will be helping with our group each week.

Breakfast Club starts at 8:15am, although Mrs Gowland is there from 8:00am, cost £2:00 per day.

Swimming will be Team 3, every two weeks starting Monday 19th January. Children need a swimming hat and must remove earrings.

I will send a list of dates out for next term in January. I do not think we will be as busy as we have been this term.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New year and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5th January.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Rogan

The clubs for next term are as follows:

Time	3:30-4:30 (£1.50)	4:30-5:30 (£3.00)
Monday	Craft Club Running Club	ICT Club
Tuesday	Sports Club Football& Hockey (with Coach) Homework	Library/Reading
Wednesday	Film Club (3:30-5:15) (£1.50) Homework Club	
Thursday	Drama, Music, Singing Cookery(3:30-5:00 give names to Mrs Crosby- limited to 4)	Board Games
Friday	Games	

